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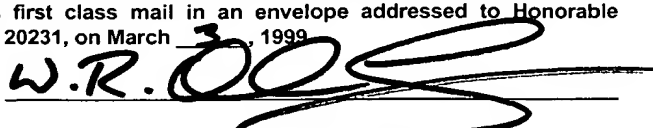
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 1998, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending in the present application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, alleging them to be indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant asserts that "a bowling ball" is brought forth in Claim 1, line 3. Thus, any other reference to "the bowling ball" in the dependent claims would have antecedent basis by the bowling ball described in Claim 1.